

BALLINGER GATHERS FOR THE EVIDENCE

Busy Getting Data for Forthcoming Congressional Investigation.

PLAN TO MAKE DIRECT CHARGES

Secretary Will Try to Show That Forester Disregarded Law.

Officials of the Interior Department, under the personal direction of Secretary Ballinger, are busily engaged in collecting and preparing evidence to be used in the forthcoming Congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

This evidence, it is stated today, will cover not only the official acts of the Secretary and his subordinates in the administration of the public land laws, but will also go into the thorough investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

In addition to attempting to prove that Chief Forester Pinchot and his assistants have interfered with the work of the Interior Department, and have inspired the attacks in the public prints against the Secretary of the Interior, Ballinger will endeavor to show that Pinchot has disregarded the law in the administration of his bureau.

One point of attack will be the charge that Pinchot went outside of the law in comprising within the national forest reserve a tract of 17,000 acres of alleged forest land bounded on only one side by a forest which covers only 2 percent of the tract. It will be alleged that the land is not burnt over or deforested, and is not, as the law of 1896 requires, chiefly valuable for the production of timber.

The two men against whom the direct charge will be made that they were responsible for the attacks in certain newspapers and magazines against Secretary Ballinger's administration, are Assistant Forester Overton W. Price and A. C. Shaw, law officer of the Forest Service. It will be argued, however, that these officials were merely induced in their alleged activities in this direction without, at least, the tacit approval of Chief Forester Pinchot, their chief.

The joint resolution providing for the investigation will be introduced probably next Wednesday simultaneously in both Senate and House. By Senator Jones and Representative Humphrey, of Washington, the home State of Secretary Ballinger. It is understood that the text of the resolution has already been prepared and that it has the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. It will be referred in the Senate to the Committee on Public Lands, and in the House to the Committee on Forestry, and will likely be reported back favorably by both committees in short order.

Nelson Heads Committee. Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, is expected to be the chairman of the joint committee which will have charge of the investigation into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. Representative Dainoff is the man said to be slated to head the committee on the part of the House.

For a time there were indications that the friends of Mr. Pinchot would fight the effort to have a joint committee named and would insist that the investigation be made by the Senate Committee on Public Lands. But it is now probable this fight will not be made and that the joint committee program, which will be arranged by the friends of Secretary Ballinger, will go through.

The supporters of Pinchot are saying in plain terms that they fear the joint committee will be stacked against them. But they also find consolation in the belief that any attempt to stack the committee with Ballinger adherents will, in the end, backfire.

Desire Square Deal. Moreover, the Pinchot supporters have confidence that if Senator Nelson is chairman he will bring about a thorough investigation so far as he is able to do so.

He is not in sympathy with Pinchot on some of the chief forester's ideas as to conservation, but he is credited with a desire for a square deal.

That the investigation will probably not be ended before the close of the session of Congress is now generally believed. The opinion freely expressed in many quarters is that it will last all next summer, that a trip will be made to Alaska, and that probably no report will be forthcoming until after the next Congressional elections.

BALLINGER FINISHES DRAFT FOR TAFT

A rough draft of the conservation legislation which is soon to be the subject of a Presidential message to Congress has been completed by Secretary Ballinger, according to statements made at the Department of the Interior today. The legislation recommended deals with water power sites, coal lands, and oil and gas lands.

The water power part considers chiefly the question of retention of control of water power sites in Western States where in the un navigable streams and rivers ownership of the land bordering the stream does not carry with it riparian rights, all control of the water distribution, beyond the right of its use to irrigate the adjacent land, remaining in possession of the State. The question of Federal control of waterways, whether navigable or not, on the ground that all navigable streams contribute their water to navigable streams, has never received a court decision. Secretary Ballinger thinks that legally the State right would be the right of its use as a condition of the lease allowing the entrainment simply sufficient surface area to conduct his mining operations.

The principal proposal with regard to coal lands and oil and gas deposits is the Secretary's idea of separating the right to mine from the title to the land. The lands would be subject to entry with a view to mining, allowing the entrainment simply sufficient surface area to conduct his mining operations.

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FOREIGNER FAVORS GIFFORD PINCHOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Sir Horace Pinckett, of Dublin, an authority on the resources of the United States as well as his own country, has come out with a statement supporting Gifford Pinchot in his controversy with the Interior Department.

After receiving a message from Pinchot stating that he would be unable to address the Economic and Historical Society, Sir Horace said:

"I greatly regret that I have just received a telephone message from Mr. Pinchot that pressing business keeps him away from the gathering. What that business is I shall leave to your imagination. I must decline to enter into any controversy, but I should like to say that I regard Mr. Pinchot as a very remarkable public servant. He is not only a man who is doing his work with a great devotion for it, but is trying as well to broaden his administrative position."

LAWYERS TO ATTEND BIGELOW FUNERAL

Prominent Practitioner Will Be Buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Arrangements were today completed for the funeral of Col. Jonathan Gordon Bigelow, a prominent lawyer of this city, who died at his residence, 32 Indiana avenue northwest, shortly after 8 o'clock last evening.

Services under the charge of the Rev. Dr. MacLeod, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at Lee's undertaking establishment, 332 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and interment will take place in the National Cemetery at Arlington. The pallbearers will be selected from the members of the District bar.

Colonel Bigelow was born July 15, 1833, at St. Albans, Me., a lineal descendant of General Warren, of Bunker Hill fame. He lived on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he came to the city.

He then went to Bloomfield Academy and after graduation from that institution attended Amherst College. It was through his efforts alone that the outbreak of the civil war, he enlisted with the 1st Maine Infantry, where for several years he studied law, and was admitted to the bar of the District Supreme Court, the Court of Claims, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Until three years ago Colonel Bigelow was connected with the practice of law in the law firm of Adams, MacLeod & Bigelow, of Alexandria, and Jonathan Gordon Bigelow, of this city. Two survivors in Lowell, Mass., also survive him.

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SHIVERING CHICAGO SIX BELOW ZERO

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—When shivering Chicago looked at the thermometer today, the mercury showed six degrees below zero, and the police reported that four persons had frozen to death during the night. Despite the fact that no snow has accompanied the chilly blasts from Medicine Hat, the railroads all report great difficulty in keeping their schedules, and trains today were reported from half an hour to eight hours late, by those from the West.

Reports received today from all over the Middle West indicate still colder weather. Kansas City reported zero, while Norfolk, Va., had eighteen degrees below, and Huron, S. Dak., twenty degrees below. Throughout the country the temperatures range from six to fourteen degrees below, while Missouri points draw about six degrees below all around. Oklahoma and most of Kansas got milder weather, Western Kansas reporting temperatures of only eight to ten degrees above.

All Wires Down. BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Thousands of men are at work for the various telegraph and telephone companies not a wire is yet running into the Cape Cod section of Massachusetts, and many towns in Rhode Island are still without means of wire communication. Fall River and New Bedford, Mass., and the whole adjacent section are as much cut off from the world of telegraphic communication as if the Morse had never made a dot or dash.

Never in the history of New England has so much havoc been wrought with the wires as was occasioned by the big Christmas storm this year.

Indiana Suffering. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—Indiana is now in the grasp of a cold wave, which has broken all records since 1905. At 7 o'clock today the mercury on the Government thermometer registered 8 degrees below zero, and the forecast is that it has been since February, 1905, when the thermometer showed 16 below.

There are few reports of suffering among the poor.

Washed Ashore Alive. NANTASKET, Mass., Dec. 29.—After drifting on the open sea for eight days without food in a disabled motor fishing boat, John Brown, of East Boston, is recovering here today from an experience few men would have lived through. Brown was cast ashore at Waveland and, almost exhausted, had only strength enough to drag himself to a primitive half-way house built by the Hull life-saving patrol.

His collapse and his freezing to death on the bare floor had strength enough to eat solid food.

Poured into the water by a storm Brown said he felt his nose, ashore, and, without food, started for Boston. Only an hour or two before he was rescued, he covered all his gasoline had leaked and from time to time he drifted before the waves until washed ashore at Waveland.

Walk on Lake George. GLENN FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Record December weather prevails in the Adirondack region today. Lake Champlain is frozen across. At North Creek last night the mercury went down to 36 below, while in many places a temperature of 20 below and less is reported.

Lake George is closed and the ice is thick enough for pedestrians to cross from shore to shore.

Suffering In the South. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 29.—The coldest December ever experienced in Alabama, according to the official Government weather forecast, reached a climax today, when the thermometer registered 12 degrees above zero at 7 a. m. Intense suffering is reported from all portions of the South.

Record-Breaking Cold. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 29.—The coldest weather in Chenango county since records have been kept is experienced today, official thermometers here showing a temperature of 14 degrees below zero, while 25 degrees below zero is reported from the county districts in this vicinity.

Records Broken In Michigan. DETROIT, Dec. 29.—Records for cold weather were broken in many places in Michigan for the last twenty-five or thirty years today, when the thermometer dropped below zero for several hours.

Locally it was colder at nine last night when it was 2 below zero. At 11 o'clock it was 19 above, in Michigan for the last twenty-five or thirty years today, when the thermometer dropped below zero for several hours.

Many Deaths From Exposure. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—Following the heavy snows of the past few days zero weather prevails today throughout Pennsylvania. The coldest reported is from Crescent, where the mercury registered 11 below zero. Other points report from 4 to 9 degrees below, while the temperature was 10 below zero at Pittsburgh. Many deaths from exposure are being reported.

The railroads have been able to get back to their regular schedules, and trains were from thirty minutes to two hours late today.

Much Suffering In Boston. BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Boston today suffered practically zero weather, the coldest of this winter. At 8 o'clock the thermometer stood only 2 above zero. In the poorer quarters of the city the suffering was intense and many hospital victims of frost-bites are being cared for.

FIREMEN CALLED FOR TWO BLAZES. Fire which started in the bath room on the second floor did \$150 damage to the home of John F. Hardy, 712 Eighth street northeast, shortly before 7 o'clock this morning. It is not known how the fire started.

An alarm of small blaze this morning in the home of John W. Harris, 180 Seaton place northwest, damaged \$5.

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"Monsieur," she said quietly, "as I am about to bid you good-by, and as I hope never to see you again, wishing you a safe return to all the pleasures of Paris, I shall not prevent you referring to my listening at the door as often as you like. If we were to be comrades farther on our journey."

The young nun's head is bowed. "No," she replies. "For one long moment the penetrating gaze of the abbess is upon her, then her wrist is seized, and she is jerked into the corridor. The abbess enters, and before Cardillac can even make a motion or draw his hand from his pocket, she is in his neck, and he is pressed, breathless, against the wall, while the elder clutches him in to the aid of their chiefest."

In less than five minutes Cardillac is stiff and helpless; the trembling of his limbs ceases, and he is placed rigidly against the wall, as if he were a statue. The abbess, with a wooden staff, and as he is less, with a vehement push of her two breathing mummies with a crash to the floor. She draws the door shut and sends for the monks, who are already waiting in the corridor.

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